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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH TO THE PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY (PENZANCE DIVISION)

Gentlemen:

My Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 1956 is as follows :-
(in conformity with Form Port 20)

SECTION I - STAFF

TABLE A

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other Appointments held
Dr. W. Leslie	M.O.H. (part time)	January 1924	M.B. B.S. (London)	G.M.P. etc.,
Dr. D.W.L. Leslie	Deputy M.O.H. (part time)	December 1951	M.A. M.B. B.C.L. M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	G.M.P. etc.,
Mr. A.T. Harper	Sanitary Inspector (part time)	March 1937	Certificate R.S.I.	Sanitary Inspector Borough of Penzance

Address and Telephone Number of M.O.H. - 2 Morrab Road, Penzance. Phone Penzance 3586.

SECTION II - AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected By the M.O.H.	Number Inspected By Sanitary Inspector	Number of Ships inspected as having or having had during the voyage Infectious Disease on Board
Foreign Ports	448	42367	87	15	Nil
Coastwise	765	254925	42	100	Nil
	1213	**297292**	**129**	**115**	**Nil**

SECTION III - CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR

Character of Shipping This consists mainly of Coastwise vessels carrying cargoes of Coal, Cement and General Goods. Shipping from Foreign Ports arrives almost exclusively from Northern Europe. At Penzance occasionally ships from Scandinavian Canal land cargoes of wood and vessels from Holland and France land cargoes of coal or load. Belgian, French and occasionally Spanish trawlers and crabbers land fish at Newlyn where an active Fish Market is carried on. Vessels also arrive at Newlyn to load with stone for European and Home Ports. Salt for use in the Fishing industry is imported at Newlyn from Spain.

Nature of Trade Imports Coal (for bunkers and local use General merchandise from Home ports, Flowers and Vegetables from the Isles of Scilly.

Exports General goods to the Isles of Scilly and Stone from the Newlyn Quarries to home and foreign ports. Pilchards to Italy. Bunker Coal to shipping. There is an active ship-repairing industry for small ships at Penzance. The only Passenger traffic from Penzance is by the R.M.S. "Scillonian" to and from the Isles of Scilly. There is no Passenger traffic between your Ports and any foreign port

TABLE C

Passenger Traffic	Inwards Outwards	approx. 17,000 Day-Trippers and Holiday and Business passengers, to and from the Isles of Scilly during the year.
Cargo Traffic	Principal Imports	General Cargoes, Coal, Cement, Wood, Flowers and Agricultural produce.
	Principal Exports	General Cargoes to the Isles of Scilly, Stone to Home and Foreign Ports. Pilchards to Italy.

Principal Ports from which ships arrive. Home Ports and the Channel Ports of **Holland Belgium and France**

SECTION IV - INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

None

SECTION V - WATER SUPPLY

(1) The Source of Water supply for the District and for shipping is the Main Water Supply for the Borough of Penzance

(2) Tests for Contamination and protection of Hydrants etc. - as for Penzance Borough

(3) There are no Water Boats kept in the Port

SECTION VI - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS 1952

1. List of Infected Areas - Extracts (when applicable) are made from the published weekly lists of Infected Areas and forwarded to H.M. Customs and Excise Waterguard at Penzance and Newlyn for their information

2. Radio Messages to Ships at Sea All received and sent via Lands End Radio Station. During the year 1956 Medical advice was given by Radio to ships at sea. Of these several were instructed to put into Mounts Bay where they were boarded by the Deputy Medical Officer of Health who superintended the landing of cases of Sickness or Accident for admission to the West Cornwall Hospital, Penzance.

3 Notifications other than by Radio are made to the Medical Officer of Health either by H. M. Customs or the Local Shipping Agents.

4. Mooring Stations There is a special Anchorage designated for ships in quarantine for major Infections Diseases at Gwavas Pool, off Newlyn Harbour

5. Arrangements for Infectious Diseases other than Smallpox
   (a) Hospital Accomodation - The County Infectious Diseases (Isolation) Hospital, Truro.
   (b) Surveilance and follow up of contacts by Hospital Authority.
   (c) Cleansing and Disinfection of ships etc. No facilities available.

SECTION VII - SMALLPOX

1. Cases of Small Pox would be sent to the County Isolation Hospital - Truro.
2. Ambulance Transport and vaccinal state of ambulance crews is the responsibility of the Ambulance Service of the Cornwall County Council
3. The County Medical Officer of Health - who has a panel of four Consultants - would be requested to supply the services of a Smallpox Consultant.
4. Facilities for Laboratory Diagnosis of Smallpox are available at the Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro

SECTION VIII - VENEREAL DISEASE

There is no local clinic readily available for the diagnosis and treatment of Venereal Disease. Any cases arising would be sent to the Port Medical Officer of Health or his Deputy.

SECTION IX - Cases of Notifiable and other Infectious Diseases on Ships

TABLE D

Nil Return

SECTION X - OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURANCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS

Nil Return

SECTION XI - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED OF PLAGUE

Nil Return

SECTION XII - MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

No facilities for the deratting of ships exist at either Penzance or Newlyn.

SECTION XII (continued)

TABLES E AND F

Nil Returns

SECTION XIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

TABLE G. INSPECTIONS AND NOTICES

Nature and Number of Inspections		Notices Served		Result of serving Notices
		Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
Ships from Foreign Ports	102	Nil	Nil	-
Coastwise Ships	142	Nil	3	Nuisance **satisfactorly** abated **before** vessel **left** port
Total	244	Nil	3	-

SECTION XIV - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL FISH) REGULATIONS 1934 and 1948

There are no Shell-fish beds or layings within the **jurisdiction** of the Authority

SECTION XV MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS

Not Applicable

SECTION XVI - MISCELLANEOUS

Nil Return

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient **servant,**

(signed) W. Leslie, M.O.H.